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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 19th/February, through Sunday, 26th/February there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T31, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE**: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

60 METERS NEWS (QSOs Not Valid). Francisco "Siso" Hennessey, HK3W, ARRL DXCC Card Checker, reports the following [edited]: Operation on the 60 meter band is not allowed in Colombia (5J, 5K, HJ, HK), as well as San Andrés Island (5J0, 5K0, HJ0, HK0). There's no permit to use that band by any Ham Radio station transmitting from Colombia or San Andrés. The Colombian Authorities have never issued the permit to use that band. There are few DX Bulletins announcing 60 meter band operations from San Andrés, and it is forbidden by Colombian Law. Please take note that if someone transmits on that band, it will be illegal and not valid.

7P8, LESOTHO (Update/QRT). Gene, K5GS, sent out the following press release on February 22nd, for Pista, HA5AO, who was active as 7P8EUDXF from Lesotho for humanitarian purposes during the month of February [edited]: Pista, HA5AO, is operating from the Molangoane Lodge, near Ha Ntsi. The lodge is located on a plateau with no high mountains nearby. The take off to the N and NW it is clear. The NE to JA is slightly blocked by a mountain, but it is far enough away to not cause too much of a problem. He is using a K3 with KPA 500. The antenna is a wire vertical on a 10 meter fiberglass pole with a remote controlled SGC 250 auto tuner. There are 12 x 10.5 meter radials with a copper ground rod. It can be tuned from 80 to 10 m, sorry no TB capability this trip due to high noise levels. The noise is s6 s9 on the low bands making the copy impossible and s3 s5 on the higher bands where copy is difficult. RFI is not a problem, at least no complaints from the lodge management. He received a Busted call request claiming QSOs on 20th February between 15:10 and 16:27. He was not operating at that time, probably a pirate. He is operating in his free time from the orphanage project. The last operating time will be this Saturday morning when he will disassemble the station. He departs for Budapest on Sunday morning. The log is at: http://ha5ao.com Logsearch & OQRS

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

9N, NEPAL (Update). Dave, EI9FBB, sent the following update on February 21st: In just 2 weeks from now, 12 members from the EI DX Group will begin their travels to Nepal for their 10 day operation from the hills high above Kathmandu. The 9N7EI team reports that they have located a different QTH which has truly spectacular views in all directions. Sited at over 6,000' above sea level, "we now have the clear path we were looking for towards NA/EU." The team is delighted to announce that their requested 9N7 'Echo India' callsign is confirmed and our licenses have now been issued. The packing of over half a ton of equipment has already begun with final plans being well underway. For more information, photos and latest news please visit their Web page at: https://9n7ei.com

C3, ANDORRA. Members of the "Andorran Amateur Radio Union (URA)" will once again be active as C37NL during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via C37NL, C37URA, by the Bureau or LoTW.

EA9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Nobu, JA0JHQ, Nobu, will be active as EA9/JA0JHQ

from Melilla between March 20-21st. Activity will be on mainly on 17/15 meters, possibly 40/30 meters, on CW and RTTY, using a TS-480HX (w/100w) into a Micro-vertical (2.5m pole on the balcony). Log will be posted to ClubLog daily. QSL via JA0JHQ, direct, by the Bureau and LoTW (after his return). For more details and updates, see: http://pandasan.jimdo.com

ER, MOLDOVA. Members of the Radio Club Beskidzki (SP9KAT) from Bielsko-Biala, Poland, are organizing the next low budget DXpedition to the Republic of Moldova between April 23-28th. After their successful expeditions to Crete (SX9PL) in 2015 and Georgia (4L9PL) in 2016, the SP9KAT DX Team plans to be active as ER0PL from Donici (a small place where the village people still live as they did 50-100 years ago in most of Europe). They will also sign ER0PL/P and ER0PL/M from such places as: Soroca by the Dniester River, Movila Magura (SOTA), Old Orhei, Milestii Mici and Gagauzia. This will be a holiday style DXpedition as well as the operators soaking up the local unique atmosphere lost in time, relaxing and trying some good Moldavian wines. Operators mentioned are Mirek/SP9ONC, Jacek/SP9OUV, Darek/SP9ETE, Mateusz/SQ9IWS, Tomasz/SP9NLT, Waldemar/SQ9OUK, Marcin/SQ9ITA and Rafal/SQ9MCI. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Quite a lot of equipment will go by mini-bus to the Republic of Moldova (approx. 1200 km from Bielsko-Biala, Poland). They will have three transceivers (including QRP), rechargeable batteries. Antennas include: Delta by MOPLK, home made Yagi 14-28 MHz, Rybakov, Mini-Delta, Dipole for 80 meters band and tested mobile antenna "Screwdriver RIG-9" type by SP9RIG. QSL via SP9KAT, by the Bureau or direct. Look for ClubLog to be used, but not LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Reiner, DL2AAZ, will once again be active as FG/DL2AAZ near Saint Rose (WW Loc. FK96di), on the Island Basse Terre (NA-102), between May 22nd and June 7th. Activity will be holiday style (3-4 hours a day) on 30-10 meters using CW and SSB, with a IC-706MK2G and small 300W-PA, into 2x GP-antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct (NO IRCs) or by the Bureau.

GT4, ISLE OF MAN. Members of Barry Amateur Radio Society (BARS) will be going on a "Holiday Style Club DXpedition" to the Isle of Man (GD) between April 15-22nd. The callsign will be GT4BRS. QSL via Manager DJ6OI. The BARS team operators are as follows: Glyn/GW0ANA, Phil/MW0DHF, Ja/DJ8NK, Franz/DL9GFB, Dr. Markus/DL9RCF, Thomas/MW0REN (DJ6OI) and Alois/DL8RBL. Activity will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. They also plan to have some activity on Top Band (160m) and a special efforts on 5 MHz (60m) to the West Coast of the USA (CW, JT65 and SSB) for an ATNO on 60 meters. Visit BARS Web page at: http://www.bars.btik.com

IOTA NEWS.....

AN-017. (Update) Francois, F4HLT, is now active as FT3YL from the Dumont d'Urville Station Terre Adélie, Petrels Island, in the Antarctica. His license is valid until February 1st, 2018. Activity will be limited to his free time, but he will be on 20/15/10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. Currently, he is only active on JT65, but will try to be active also on PSK31 and SSB later. He is mainly active between 0900-1100z after his work duties. Radio will be an Icom IC-706 transceiver with an ACOM 1010 Amp into GPA 30 antenna. QSL via

F6KPQ or ClubLog (OQRS will be available in a few weeks). LoTW will be available soon. For more details, see:
https://f4hlt.wordpress.com

AS-013. Members of the Frankfurt Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (LARC) and the OV F44 Frankfurt (DL0DLH) will team-up to activate Himandhoo Island, Maldives, as 8Q7LH between March 2-9th. Activity will be on various HF bands. Operator mentioned are Bernd/DK7TF, Bernd/DL1FF, Jurgen/DH6ICE, Chris/DK2CL and Zik/DK8ZZ. QSL via DK8ZZ direct or ClubLog's OQRS for Bureau QSL or direct. PLEASE NOTE: This is a re-issued callsign. QSL 8Q7LH (for 2001 QSOs) goes via DL1LH.

EU-120. (Update) Operators Jef/DD2CW, Steve/MW0ZZK, Cis/ON6LY, Cel/ON6UQ and Dirk/ON3UN will be active as G/DD2CW/P from the Island of Wight. Their main activity will be in the RSGB IOTA Contest signing GB9IOW as a Multi-Op/Island entry. QSL via ON3UN.

NA-057. Dave, VE3VSM, will once again be active as VE3VSM/HR9 from Roatan Island between February 28th and March 5th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using CW and SSB, including the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th). He will be using 100 watts this time (not QRP). QSL via his home call-sign or LoTW.

OC-128. Dale, KE0BRZ, will be active as DU1/KE0BRZ from Palawan Island between August 18-22nd. Activity will be holiday style and mainly on 20 meters QRP using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, LoTW or eQSL.

OC-216. Craig, VK5CE, will be active as VK5CE/9 from Ashmore Reef sometime early November (possibly for 4 days between November 6-12th). Activity will be mostly on 40/20 meters using SSB, with possibly some 17/15m. There will be some 30m PSK63. For more details and updates, watch the Web page at:
https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com
QSL via his home callsign, direct (see QRZ.com), by the Bureau (VERY SLOW) or ClubLog's OQRS.

OC-230. Craig, VK5CE, will be active from from Rowley Shoals. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

SA-028. Operators Francisco/PY2ALC, Lucas/PY2HP, Flavio/PU2KFL, Leandro/PU2LEW, Willian/PY2XIZ and PY2GTA will be active as ZV2CV from Couves Island (DIB-SP022)between April 8-10th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10/2 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via PU2VCP, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For March). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of March 2017:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Stratton, in Cornwall, by Mike, M0SMJ,
(/A WAB Square SS20 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Walton-on-the-Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU,
(/A WAB Square TM22 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or via .
NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

JW, SVALBARD. Kamil, SQ8KFH, is now active as JW/SQ8KFH from the Polish Polar Station at Hornsund, Svalbard (EU-026), until May 20th. Activity will be on 20 meters using SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via his home call-sign, by the Bureau or LoTW.

JW, SVALBARD. Tom, OH6VDA/LA6VDA, will once again be active as JW6VDA from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen (JQ78tf) on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) between March 1-22nd. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, ClubLog's OQRS or QRZ.com log.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW.

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as P29VXG from Rapopo, New Britain Island (OC-008), between April 6-12th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (no 30/17/12m) using CW, SSB and Digital modes. EU is his main focus on JT65. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, see: http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation

P4, ARUBA. Robert, W5AJ, will once again be active as P40P for the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to W5AJ. NO BUREAU.

P4, ARUBA. Andy, AE6Y, will be active as P49Y from the P40L-P49Y station at Pos Chiquito, Aruba (SA-036), during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/All-band entry. QSL via AE6Y or LoTW.

PH00, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event). Operators Tonny/PD1TV and Henri/PA4HM will activate the special callsign, PH00GEVEEN, during the annual "Wings and Wheels" event which is held at Hoogeveen Airfield between May 21st and June 6th. Activity will be on various HF bands using mostly on SSB, but PD1TV will also activate this callsign on JT65. On Acsensions Day (May 25th), operators will be active from the Hoogeveen Airfield. Their shack will be in the Dutch Barnstormers hangar. That day they will

ONLY be active on 40 meters (SSB). QSL via the Bureau or direct to the address listed on QRZ.com.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 27th-March 5th).....

Feb/27th	LN	Mar/02nd	LN	Mar/04th	HN
Feb/28th	LN	Mar/03rd	HN	Mar/05th	AN
Mar/01st	DIS				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
NEW!!! A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF.. (February 26th)

4L/4X6TT via N4GNR (d/L)	HC2AO via RC5A	PY0F/PY2QI via PY2QI
4L/EA3HSO via N4GNR (d/L)	HG5F via HA8GZ	R2017WG via RQ7L
4O/RL3BX via RL3BX	HG6C via HA6IAM	R75IAS via R1AC
4V1TL via W3HNK	HI7/IU4FMR via IU4FMR	R80UPOL via RW3FS
4X/EA3HSO via N4GNR (d/L)	II3CV via IK3HHX	RD17WG via RQ7L
6E0C via XE1EE	II3MNA via IQ3TS	RG17WG via RQ7L
8J60JARE via JG2MLI	II8POLE via IK8FIQ	RJ17WG via RQ7L
9G1SD via AB0GC	IR1ANT via I1HYW	RL17WG via RQ7L
AO3ANT via EA3EGB	IR2XIR via 9A8MDC	RN17WG via RQ7L
AO4HAG via EA4GKV	J28PJ via F1TMY	RQ17WG via RQ7L
CT7/OK4PA via OK4PA	J43TR via SV3DCX (d/L)	S21SM via OH6EAC (d)
CT9/UA9CDC via G3SWH (d)	JW2US via LA2US (O/L/e)	T42A via RW6HS (d)
CX/N3BNA via KA2AEV	KC4/N2TA via RW1AI (d)	TA4/OH2KW via OH2KW
DM500RT via 2E0SDV (O/d/L)	LM80REX via LA9VDA	TI8/AA8HH via K8DV (d/L)
E75C via E73Y	LZ7D via LZ3RN & (L)	TM14WAP via F8DHE

ED8URT via EA8URT
EG1RIO via EA1WD
EG1WAP via EA1GIB
EG5ANT via EA5KB
EH5ANT via EC5JC (2017)
EH7PDL via EA7URA
EX2V via RW6HS (d)
G5W via G3BJ
OF0RJ via OH0RJ
OF8L via OH8LQ
OR5T via ON4ALY
PA2017BP via PA3EFR
PJ2/OE3GEA via OE3GEA
PJ4X via W1MD
PJ7/OH2IS via OH2IS (O/L)
PJ7AA via AA9A
TO3Z via F6HMQ
V3T via WC0W (L)
V43Z via NP4Z
VY2/F4ARU via F4ARU
XT2SE via IK3GES
ZV8SA via PY8WW (d)
ZV8V via ZV8V (L)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) No QSL Needed

QSL REC'D VIA MANAGER. Rick, VE7TK, reports: "I just received a QSL for my 1999 QSO with EZ7ST via his manager UA9LM. It's a story unto itself and obtaining the card has taken months. It could not have been done without the help of many friends in Russia. Special thanks to Yevgeny (UA0CA) in Khabarovsk, Vlad (RA9JP) in Tyumen and, of course, UA9LM who still had the logs AND cards! Anyway, I just thought I'd share the info! Thanks for all your work on the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin."

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LOTW: 3B8HC, 6V7S, 9A3KS, 9A5CW, 9Q6BB, 9X2CW, A31MM, C31LK, C31MF, DF5EF, DJ9JG, DM5BB, E20HHK, E51ADD, E51AMF, EA1AF, F5BZB, F6BWJ, FK8IK, HB9ICC, IT9BLB, J79XBI, OD5ZZ, OK2ZDL, ON6DP, PE2LZ, SV2DSJ, TI5W, TX5T, VE2BR and YI3WHR

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 7P8GOZ, EZ7ST, H74B, TM1CEZ, YJ0WW and YV1KK

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 2R0BRR, 3A/G5LP, 3B9C, 3D2GC, 5B4ATJ, 5R8SV, 8Q7EJ, 9G5XA, 9H/GM3NHQ, 9J2BO, 9M6/G3USR, 9X0NH, C4G, EA8/GU4YOX, EM75V, EO2012WZA, FM/KL7WA, FO/UT6UD, FP/M1BXF, G100RSGB, GB40HMSB, GB70DDAY, GB800MC, GD0OUD, GI2012MGY, GJ2A, GJ7LJJ (EU-013), GU3UOQ, GU0VPA, H44KW, J6/G0VJG, LZ18ARDF, LZ90IARU, LZ111RAEM, MD3YLX, MD0CCE, MJ0ASP (EU-013), MU0FAL, MU0RTI/P, MS0SCG (EU-123), ON75FOC (EU-018), P29NI (OC-258), PJ2/G3NKC, PJ4/G4IUF, S79K, SP100WTD, SV8/SV1EJD, T2GC, T32C, TF/G4IRN, V5/UT5UY, VK9X/G6AY, VP5/G3SWH and ZD8RH

S2, BANGLADESH. Operators Anwar/S21L, Manjurul/S21AM, Aminul/S21D, Rezaul/S21K, Tutul/S21RC, Sohel/S21S, and possibly others will be active as S21L during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via S21l by the Bureau.

S2, BANGLADESH (Update to OPDX.1305). The following operators/team members, from the upcoming S21GM and S21KW from Bangladesh DXpedition (March 15-27th), have been announced to be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Multi-? entry and using the callsign S21KW. Operators mentioned are Juris/YL2GM, Valery/YL3CW, Jack/YL2KA, Ingus/YL2TW, Dmitry/UT7UJ, Oleg/US7UX, Sasha/UT7UV, Andrey/UX1UF and Kaspars/YL1ZF. QSL via YL2GN, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS (for direct or Bureau) or E-mail requests via . A full LoTW upload will be done in 3 months time after the end of their trip. For more details and updates, see: http://www.lral.lv/s21gm/index.html

TI5, COSTA RICA. Operators Robert/W4BW, Alex/W4XO, Keith/W4KTR, Juan Carlos/TI2JCY, Carlos/TI2KAC, Adrian/TI2LCO and Mauricio/TI4ZM will be active as TI5M from Alajuela during then ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via TI2KAC, direct or by the Bureau. Look for U.S. operators to be active before the contest signing TI5/homecall on 160-10 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

TI7, COSTA RICA. Matt, K0BBC, will be active as TI7/K0BBC from Las Villas del Guayabo between February 28th and March 7th. Activity will be on various HF bands including the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th). QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

UA2, KALININGRAD. Members of the UA2 Contest Club will be active as RW2F during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via RW2F, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

V2, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA. Alan, N3AD, will once again be active as V26M during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via W3HNK.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Operators Rich/KE1B and Anna/W6NN will be active as V4/KE1B and V4/W6NN from St. Kitts and Nevis Islands (NA-104) between July 1-9th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters (including 30/17/12m), and all modes (CW/SSB/RTTY), using a K3S running 100 watts into a Buddipole antenna. They will also be in the IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 8-9th) as V4/KE1B as a Multi-Single entry. If they have Internet access, they will probably upload logs to ClubLog daily. You can check your QSO status and request a QSL card via the Online QSL Request System (OQRS). Direct QSLs are via their home callsign (see QRZ.com for details). Also, by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Kevin, K6TOP, will once again be active as VP2V/K6TOP from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023), between now and March 3rd. Activity will be limited (family vacation) using an ICOM 706 MKII with 100 watts into a End-Fed Half-Wave (EFHW) (for 40/30/20/17/15/10m). Operations will be CW almost exclusively. Operating hours are typically 0100-0300z and 1000-1200z due to family commitments. Kevin mentioned last time, "When the pileups get difficult, I listen to the edges, so please spread your calls out." QSLs via LoTW (preferred) or NR6M. NO Bureau cards. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog upon return.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Bill, K2WH, will be active as VP2V/K2WH from Tortola, British Virgin Islands, between March 4-10th. He states that he will be aboard the sailboat "Magic Carpet" and to please work him and spot him. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIGRIN ISLANDS. Operators Art/N3DXX and Steven/AA7V will once again be active as VP2V/homecall from Virgin Gorda (Tortola) between November 23-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB.

They will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Contest callsign has not be announced (it will probably be VP2V/AA7V). QSL VP2V/N3DXX and VP2V/AA7V via NR6M. NO BUREAU CARDS OR CARDS SENT TO HOME ADDRESSES. THEY WILL NOT BE ANSWERED!!

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Glenn, W0GJ, will be active as VP5H from Providenciales Island (NA-002, WLOTA 2003) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W0CG. Look before and after the contest because he will probably be active as VP5/homecall. QSL via his home callsigns and LoTW. NO Bureau at Turks & Caicos (QSLs will be tossed!).

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Operators Jim/K3NK and Joe/W3HNK will be active as VP5/K3NK and VP5/W3HNK, respectively, from Providenciales Island (NA-002, WLOTA 2003) between April 11-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL VP5/K3NK via W3HNK, ClubLog or LoTW. QSL VP5/W3HNK via W3HNK.

VQ9, CHAGOS. Jeremy, N1ZZZ, will once again try to be active as VQ9ZZ from Diego Garcia (AF-006) sometime between late April and mid-June (subject to change). He was there in December, but did not operate and states, "I have renewed my VQ9ZZ license, but since the club shack is gone, I didn't get to work from the island this trip. I am hoping to bring the proper equipment for some 'field day' style operating in April 2017.... The club station (VQ9X) has dismantled a few years ago, so the few of us left to operate there have to bring portable set ups ashore which makes for challenging operating conditions, especially with the bands such as they are." He informs OPDX that he will operate this time on 20/17 meters, SSB and various low power Digital modes using a Icom IC-7100 transceiver with wire vertical antenna. There may be some operations as VQ9ZZ/MM (not for DXCC credit) from the ship when underway using same modes/bands and better antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS (Update). Operators Royce/KE5TC (ZF2TC) and Fred/K5QBX (ZF2FL) will be operating daily from Grand Cayman Island between March 21-26th. They state, "We will be operating SSB, CW, and Digital various hours of the day and welcome DX style contacts or ragchew style as well." QSL via their home callsigns.

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